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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Thomas Daniel "V" Vehring, who passed away on June 13, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Vehring was born in Bemidji, Minnesota on April 30, 1941; he spent his formative years in Virginia, Minnesota, where he developed his zest for golf by sneaking over the wall surrounding the Virginia Municipal Golf Course across the street from his house; once caught by the golf pro, he was given a \$5 season pass in return for a promise to play the 18 holes in order and to quit sneaking over the wall; by the time he graduated from Virginia High School, he was a formidable amateur and had played in many tournaments; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Vehring graduated from Minnesota State University at Mankato in 1964 and headed for Chicago and a lifetime built around golf; he worked as a golf professional at Olympia Fields Country Club and in sales for both the Arnold Palmer Golf and the Ben Hogan Golf Companies; and

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WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, Thomas Vehring went to McHenry to help promote the metalwood; this collaboration with fellow salesman, Gary Adams, eventually grew into TaylorMade Golf; ever ready with "Tips from Tom", he frequently gave advice

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1 peppered with phrases like "feather cuts" and "what-a-pities";  
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3 WHEREAS, Thomas Vehring was preceded in death by his  
4 grandson, Nicholas Vehring, and his sisters, Joanne Nigro and  
5 Kathryn Doe; and

6 WHEREAS, Thomas Vehring is survived by his wife of 50  
7 years, Kathleen (Kinn); his sons, Ross (Rita) Vehring and  
8 Christopher (Denise) Vehring; his daughter, Tracy (Scott)  
9 Botten; his grandchildren, Michael Vehring, Veronica and  
10 Alexander Vehring, and Lilya and Ava Botten; and his siblings,  
11 Mary Sue (David) Tarkowski and Jon (Kristen) Vehring;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Thomas Daniel "V" Vehring, and extend our sincere condolences  
16 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Thomas Vehring as an expression of  
20 our deepest sympathy.